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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 133  
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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the Madison-Goodlettsville Rotary Club on the occasion of their 40th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary organizations that diligently work for the betterment of their fellow citizens, community and state; and

WHEREAS, through their deep devotion and selfless acts, the Madison-Goodlettsville Rotary Club has nobly served the citizens of Tennessee for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the Madison-Goodlettsville Rotary Club was chartered on April 10, 1957, with twenty-two members and Jim Pigue serving as the club's first president; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 40 years of outstanding service, the Madison-Goodlettsville Rotary Club has demonstrated unyielding commitment to goodwill, cooperation and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Rotary is one of the oldest and largest service organizations; Rotary International, is an organization of business and professional leaders. Service and fellowship are the hallmark of Rotary worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the organization started in 1905 when several Chicago businessmen met together, rotating meetings from one member's business to another; and

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WHEREAS, the purpose was, and is, to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical vocational standards, to help build goodwill, fellowship and peace worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International has nearly one and a quarter million members in over 28,000 Rotary clubs in 155 countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, membership is by invitation only, with only one representative from each business or profession; and

WHEREAS, Rotary has projects to feed the hungry, fight disease, assist the handicapped and the elderly, give service to youth, combat illiteracy, fund scholarships and provide relief to disaster victims; and

WHEREAS, each year Rotary International awards over 35 million dollars in nearly 1,400 annual scholarships and over 100 charitable grants. The grants are for such projects as agriculture training and drinking water purification; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International also has an exemplary global immunization project which seeks to eradicate polio from the world by the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, each club determines their own project to achieve the goals of the organization. The Madison-Goodlettsville Rotary Club provides scholarships, supports domestic violence projects, makes contributions to Youth Alive and Free, (an alcohol and drug counseling service to teenagers in community schools), and gives assistance to the Kings and Daughters Daycare Home; and

WHEREAS, the motto of Rotary is "service above self"; and

WHEREAS, though they have received many high accolades recognizing their commendable work and praiseworthy accomplishments, the members of the Madison-Goodlettsville Rotary Club are most proud of their faithful service to the community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we recognize the Madison-Goodlettsville Rotary Club on the occasion of their 40th Anniversary and commend the Club for their outstanding service and commitment to the citizens of the community of Madison and Goodlettsville, Davidson County and the State of Tennessee, wishing them continued success in their most worthwhile efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.